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 TAGS: OTRA (BOWDLER, WILLIAM G.)
 SUBJECT: BOWDLER VISIT

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2. SCHEDULE IS BEING DEVELOPED AND WILL BE SUBJECT
 OF SEPTEL.

3. DUE TO HIGH EXPECTATIONS AMONG ARGENTINE LEADERS
 THAT US POLICY CHANGES WILL VERY SOON LEAD TO SUBSTANTIIVELY
 IMPROVED RELATIONS, YOUR VISIT WILL SYMBOLIZE CONFIRMATION
 THESE POSSIBLY INFLATED DESIRES. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES
 EMBASSY URGES CAREFUL ATTENTION TO ALL STATEMENTS THAT
 MIGHT TEND TO REINFORCE VIEW THAT MILITARY SALES WILL SOON
 RESUME, THAT USG IS SEEKING WAYS AROUND HUMPHREY-KENNEDY
 EVEN BEFORE CONGRESS MIGHT REVOKE OR AMEND IT AND THAT
 HUMAN RIGHTS GOALS HAVE BEEN ALTERED, OR AS SOME HOPE, DROPPED
 ALTOGETHER.

4. MEDIA INTEREST WILL BE VERY HIGH SINCE YOU WILL BE
 THE FIRST "LINE-OFFICER" TO HAVE VISITED ARGENTINA SINCE
 THE GOODPASTER TRIP. ARGENTINE ABILITY TO CONVINCE THEM-
 SELVES THAT US POLICY OPENINGS ARE DUE TO US PERCEPTION AT
 LONG LAST THAT ARGENTINA WAS CORRECT ALL ALONG IS INCREDIBLY
 STRONG AND WIDESPREAD. BOTH ARGENTINE AND FOREIGN MEDIA
 WILL COVER YOUR VISIT EXTENSIVELY. YOU WILL ENCOUNTER
 PRESS AT ALL OF YOUR STOPS WITH THE POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF
 THE RECEPTION AT THE RESIDENCE AND, IF THEY CHOSE TO
 CONTROL THEM, AFTER VISITS TO THE JUNTA MEMBERS.

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5. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU BE PREPARED TO HAVE AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT THE AIRPORT STRESSING TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP, THE PRESIDENT'S DEEP AND PERSONAL INTEREST IN LATIN AMERICA, HIS PLEDGE (MADE AT THE START OF HIS ADMINISTRATION) TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN NATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF US RESPONSES TO REGIONAL AND GLOBAL PROBLEMS AND, WITHIN THAT CONTEXT, OUR TRADITIONAL DESIRE TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH ARGENTINA. A CLEAR, PRECISE STATEMENT OF THE PURPOSE OF YOUR VISIT WILL BE REQUIRED.

6. WE RECOMMEND A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE END OF YOUR VISIT FOR PRESS, RADIO AND TV. THIS WOULD BE HELD IN THE EMBASSY AUDITORIUM. IT WILL ALLOW US AND YOU TO TELL ALL COMERS DURING THE VISIT THAT YOU WILL ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS ON THAT ONE, CONTROLLED OCCASION. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUMMARIZE YOUR IMPRESSIONS AND REINFORCE AGAIN THE CONTINUITY OF US POLICY TO OFFSET PARTIALLY THE TENDENCY NOTED IN 3 AND 4 ABOVE.

7. THERE IS A SMALL RESIDENT AMERICAN PRESS CORPS HERE. THEY PRODUCE IMPORTANT ARTICLES FOR DOMESTIC USE IN THE STATES. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO MEET ON A BACKGROUND BASIS WITH THEM AT SOME TIME DURING YOUR VISIT. ONE HOUR WOULD SUFFICE. CASTRO

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